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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT SEMINAR

REF: (A) RABAT 0935, (B) STATE 041746

1. INVESTOR RECEPTION OFFICE INFORMED US ON MARCH 10 THAT IT UNABLE TO SEND INDIVIDUAL WITH ENGLISH AT LEVEL DEMANDED REF B. PLEASE CANCEL SLOT HELD FOR GOM PARTICIPATION.

2. AS REPORTED REF A, POST HAS NO RPT NO MONEY FOR SCHEDULING INDIVIDUAL IV TRIP FOR THIS PURPOSE AS SUGGESTED PARA 3, REF B. PROPOSED GOM PARTICIPATION IN INVESTMENT SEMINAR WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY AT GOM EXPENSE. INVESTOR RECEPTION OFFICE NEEDS THIS HELP BADLY. INTENDED PARTICIPANT (DIRECTOR OF OFFICE) HAS FAIR IF NOT FLUENT ENGLISH. POST REGRETS THAT SUGGESTIONS FOR BROAD INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE CRITERION AND SEATING WITH OTHER FRANCOPHONE PARTICIPANTS NOT ACCEPTED. WE FRANKLY UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND RATIONALE OF PARA 3 REF B WHICH OFFERS INDIVIDUAL ESCORT INTERPRETER FOR SOLO TRIP, BUT UNABLE TO MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMODATION FOR GROUP SEMINAR. WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT BECAUSE OF MULTI-NATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SEMINAR WOULD HAVE CONSTITUTED FAR MORE USEFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR GOM PARTICIPANT WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO IMPROVE LOCAL CLIMATE FOR US INVESTORS.

3. EMBASSY PARTICULARLY DISTURBED THAT GOM WITHDRAWAL,
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OCCASIONED BY WHAT LOOKS FROM HERE LIKE UNREASONABLE

INFLEXIBILITY OVER MINOR ISSUE OF LOGISTICS, FORECLOSES
POTENTIAL BREAKTHROUGH IN US/GOM INVESTMENT RELATIONS. WHILE
THIS NOW WATER OVER DAM, RECOMMEND THAT WHOEVER ORGANIZED
THIS EVENT IN DEPARTMENT SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER OBJECTIVES AND
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE SEMINARS. WE BELIEVE CRITERIA OTHER
THAN QUOTE HIGH-LEVEL ENGLISH FACILITY UNQUOTE SHOULD BE
CONTROLLING AND THAT SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES
NOT BEYOND CAPABILITIES OF DEPARTMENT IN EFFORT TO REACH
IMPORTANT AREAS OF WORLD WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT DOMINANT TONGUE.
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